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## STATES TO GET ADDITIONAL \$24.3 MILLION THROUGH FISH AND WILDLIFE FEDERAL AID

An additional \$24.3 million in Federal aid funds has been apportioned by Secretary of the Interior James G. Watt to the 50 States, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa for fish and wildlife programs.

This brings to \$114.3 million the amount made available to the States this fiscal year by the Federal Government. The funds will be used by the States to finance sport fish and wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs. Of the total funds available, \$83.4 million is for wildlife restoration and \$30.9 million is for fish restoration.

Federal aid funds are made available to the States in two apportionments annually as tax receipts become available at the Treasury Department. This year a preliminary apportionment of \$90 million was made on September 11, 1980, for fiscal year 1981. The second apportionment, announced today, represents an additional \$24.3 million.

Funds for wildlife restoration and hunter safety programs come from an 11 percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10 percent tax on handguns, and an 11 percent tax on archery equipment. Distribution of wildlife restoration funds is based on a formula which takes into account the number of hunting license holders and the land area of each State. The funds may be used to acquire, develop, and manage wildlife habitat and for research in wildlife management.

Hunter safety funds, distributed according to the relative population of each State, may be used by the State wildlife agencies for hunter education programs including construction, operation, and maintenance of public target ranges. The funds also may be used for wildlife restoration.

Fish restoration funds come from a 10 percent excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial baits, lures, and flies. Distribution of funds is made according to a formula based on the number of fishing license holders and the land area of each State, including coastal and Great Lakes waters. The funds are used by the State agencies to purchase land and water areas for development or rehabilitation of such areas, development of access sites and facilities for fishing, and for research in fishery management.

The attached tables show the fiscal year 1981 distribution of funds by State.

Final Apportionment for Federal Aid in Fish Restoration  
Fiscal Year 1981

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Alabama        | \$ 531,904   |
| Alaska         | 1,547,500    |
| Arizona        | 657,382      |
| Arkansas       | 552,284      |
| California     | 1,547,500    |
| Colorado       | 732,483      |
| Connecticut    | 309,500      |
| Delaware       | 309,500      |
| Florida        | 728,426      |
| Georgia        | 608,636      |
| Hawaii         | 309,500      |
| Idaho          | 551,378      |
| Illinois       | 665,615      |
| Indiana        | 568,707      |
| Iowa           | 481,625      |
| Kansas         | 482,290      |
| Kentucky       | 511,345      |
| Louisiana      | 454,238      |
| Maine          | 309,500      |
| Maryland       | 309,500      |
| Massachusetts  | 309,500      |
| Michigan       | 1,115,493    |
| Minnesota      | 1,204,427    |
| Mississippi    | 424,200      |
| Missouri       | 746,272      |
| Montana        | 716,218      |
| Nebraska       | 387,097      |
| Nevada         | 485,622      |
| New Hampshire  | 309,500      |
| New Jersey     | 309,500      |
| New Mexico     | 544,186      |
| New York       | 696,799      |
| North Carolina | 477,317      |
| North Dakota   | 337,659      |
| Ohio           | 716,934      |
| Oklahoma       | 608,895      |
| Oregon         | 791,509      |
| Pennsylvania   | 769,533      |
| Rhode Island   | 309,500      |
| South Carolina | 364,039      |
| South Dakota   | 346,018      |
| Tennessee      | 560,670      |
| Texas          | 1,547,500    |
| Utah           | 564,341      |
| Vermont        | 309,500      |
| Virginia       | 435,625      |
| Washington     | 822,437      |
| West Virginia  | 309,500      |
| Wisconsin      | 1,133,875    |
| Wyoming        | 508,521      |
| Guam           | 103,167      |
| Puerto Rico    | 309,500      |
| Virgin Islands | 103,167      |
| American Samoa | 103,167      |
|                | \$30,950,000 |

Final Apportionment for Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration  
Fiscal Year 1981

|                | <u>Wildlife<br/>Restoration</u> | <u>Hunter<br/>Safety</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Alabama        | \$ 1,236,884                    | \$ 347,573               | \$ 1,584,457 |
| Alaska         | 3,459,700                       | 142,000                  | 3,601,700    |
| Arizona        | 1,628,528                       | 178,872                  | 1,807,400    |
| Arkansas       | 1,260,032                       | 194,092                  | 1,454,124    |
| California     | 2,775,657                       | 426,000                  | 3,201,657    |
| Colorado       | 1,734,645                       | 222,749                  | 1,957,394    |
| Connecticut    | 345,970                         | 306,000                  | 651,970      |
| Delaware       | 345,970                         | 142,000                  | 487,970      |
| Florida        | 1,167,318                       | 426,000                  | 1,593,318    |
| Georgia        | 1,378,102                       | 426,000                  | 1,804,102    |
| Hawaii         | 345,970                         | 142,000                  | 487,970      |
| Idaho          | 1,383,577                       | 142,000                  | 1,525,577    |
| Illinois       | 1,414,477                       | 426,000                  | 1,840,477    |
| Indiana        | 1,188,636                       | 426,000                  | 1,614,636    |
| Iowa           | 1,271,718                       | 285,093                  | 1,556,811    |
| Kansas         | 1,358,238                       | 226,968                  | 1,585,206    |
| Kentucky       | 1,070,210                       | 324,881                  | 1,395,091    |
| Louisiana      | 1,248,097                       | 367,656                  | 1,615,753    |
| Maine          | 820,542                         | 142,000                  | 962,542      |
| Maryland       | 451,553                         | 395,834                  | 847,387      |
| Massachusetts  | 345,970                         | 426,000                  | 771,970      |
| Michigan       | 2,513,478                       | 426,000                  | 2,939,478    |
| Minnesota      | 2,128,167                       | 383,994                  | 2,512,161    |
| Mississippi    | 1,085,707                       | 223,723                  | 1,309,430    |
| Missouri       | 1,668,021                       | 426,000                  | 2,094,021    |
| Montana        | 2,021,588                       | 142,000                  | 2,163,588    |
| Nebraska       | 1,169,330                       | 149,739                  | 1,319,069    |
| Nevada         | 1,301,782                       | 142,000                  | 1,443,782    |
| New Hampshire  | 345,970                         | 142,000                  | 487,970      |
| New Jersey     | 424,127                         | 426,000                  | 850,127      |
| New Mexico     | 1,587,888                       | 142,000                  | 1,729,888    |
| New York       | 1,984,545                       | 426,000                  | 2,410,545    |
| North Carolina | 1,310,011                       | 426,000                  | 1,736,011    |
| North Dakota   | 967,702                         | 142,000                  | 1,109,702    |
| Ohio           | 1,566,953                       | 426,000                  | 1,992,953    |
| Oklahoma       | 1,324,104                       | 258,271                  | 1,582,375    |
| Oregon         | 1,845,190                       | 211,055                  | 2,056,245    |
| Pennsylvania   | 2,997,489                       | 426,000                  | 3,423,489    |
| Rhode Island   | 345,970                         | 142,000                  | 487,970      |
| South Carolina | 785,025                         | 261,425                  | 1,046,450    |
| South Dakota   | 1,113,042                       | 142,000                  | 1,255,042    |
| Tennessee      | 1,456,077                       | 396,012                  | 1,852,089    |
| Texas          | 3,459,700                       | 426,000                  | 3,885,700    |
| Utah           | 1,414,701                       | 142,000                  | 1,556,701    |
| Vermont        | 345,970                         | 142,000                  | 487,970      |
| Virginia       | 1,335,247                       | 426,000                  | 1,761,247    |
| Washington     | 1,444,193                       | 344,041                  | 1,788,234    |
| West Virginia  | 870,776                         | 176,022                  | 1,046,798    |
| Wisconsin      | 2,091,304                       | 426,000                  | 2,517,304    |
| Wyoming        | 1,481,533                       | 142,000                  | 1,623,533    |
| Guam           | 115,323                         | -                        | 115,323      |
| Puerto Rico    | 345,970                         | -                        | 345,970      |
| Virgin Islands | 115,323                         | -                        | 115,323      |
| Total          | \$69,194,000                    | \$14,200,000             | \$83,394,000 |